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**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS**

**January 28, 2014**

**Celebrating A Season of Nonviolence**

The purpose of the Season of Nonviolence is to teach that every person can move the world forward in peace through daily nonviolent choices and actions. In 1964, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated that “nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon which cuts without wounding and ennobles the man who wields it. It is a sword that heals.” The Season of Nonviolence marks the 64 calendar days between the anniversary of the assassination of Mohandas K. Gandhi on January 30 and that of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4. In the midst of the 1968 sanitation workers strike in Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. King was assassinated. Almost two years earlier, Mohandas K. Gandhi, an Indian leader who employed nonviolent direct action in pursuit of India’s independence from British rule, was assassinated. Both men were victims of gun violence.

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**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Declare January 30, 2014 through April 4, 2014 as the Season of Nonviolence in Los Angeles County and urge the public to reflect on the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and all practitioners of nonviolent direct action as an effective means of addressing injustice.

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